

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to a final Office action (Paper No. 0204) mailed 23 February 2004. Claims 27-38 and 40-61 are pending in this application.

No amendment is made by this Reply.

Claims 27-38 and 40-61 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 28-37 of U.S. Patent No. 6,584,374 in view of Watkins (U.S. Pat. No. 5,591,409), and the examiner required filing of a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c).


In response, concurrently submitted is a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection. Therefore, all pending claims should be in condition for allowance.

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon all of the claims now present in the application is respectfully requested. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

A fee of \$110.00 is incurred by filing of a statutory disclaimer. Applicant's check drawn to the order of Commissioner accompanies this Response. Should the check become lost, should other

fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

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